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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/084,571	02/27/2002	Alice Y. Romans-Hess	KCC 4791 (K. C. No. 16,38)

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CONFIRMATION NO. 7958

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**


The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
  - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

  
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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



KCC 4791 (K.C. No. 16,385)  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Romans-Hess, et al.  
Serial No. 10/084,571  
Filed February 27, 2002  
Confirmation No. 7958  
For IONIC SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS WITH ENHANCED SWELLING  
CHARACTERISTICS

April 26, 2002

**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of  
Application - Filing Date Granted," dated February 27, 2002,  
\* enclosed is applicants signed Declaration and Power of Attorney  
\* in the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is  
\* returned herewith.

Also enclosed is a check in payment of the surcharge.

An assignment by the inventor(s) to Kimberly-Clark  
Worldwide, Inc. is being mailed today.

Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
2. ☒ Check Enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

**FEE CALCULATION**

1. ☐ BASIC FILING FEE Subtotal (1) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type: \_\_\_\_\_)
2. ☐ EXTRA CLAIM FEES Subtotal (2) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Claims \_\_\_\_\_  
Independent Claims \_\_\_\_\_  
Multiple Dependent Claims \_\_\_\_\_
3. ☒ ADDITIONAL FEES Subtotal (3) \$ 130.00
- ☒ Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  
☐ Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet  
☐ Extension for reply within \_\_\_\_\_ month  
☐ Notice of Appeal  
☐ Filing a Brief in Support of an appeal  
☐ Request for ex parte Reexamination  
☐ Petitions to the Commissioner  
☐ Submission of Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Recording each patent assignment per property  
☐ Request for Continued Examination  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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